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NICOLE DUSCH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RAMIREZ, D.
SERIAL NO: 09/965,825 :
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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF D-
PANTOTHENIC ACID USING
CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, Applicants request
reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.